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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: LIMA-CALLAO SUBWAY AND POSSIBLE

ESTABLISHMENT OF TROLLEY BUS SYSTEM

REF: LIMA 5336; LIMA 5970

1. THE FORMER MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, GE. EP ARTEMIO GARCIA VARGAS (FYI: MINISTER DIED ON AUGUST 14 IN A HELICOPTER CRASH), STATED TO LOCAL PRESS ON AUGUST 6 THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE LIMA-CALLAO SUBWAY PROJECT HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR THE INDEFINITE FUTURE BECAUSE OF ITS HIGH COST (ESTIMATED RANGE FROM \$500 TO \$800 MILLION). CONSEQUENTLY, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRIC TROLLEY BUS SYSTEM TO SOLVE LIMA'S ACUTE MASS TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS IS NOT INTENDED AS ALTERNATIVE TO SUBWAY PROJECT, BUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT PERU HAS MORE ELECTRICITY THAN GASOLINE SETTING UP OF TROLLEY BUSS SYSTEM MIGHT BE ADVANTAGEIOUS FOR THE COUNTRY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

2. EMBASSY CONTACTED ING. JORGE SANTA MARIA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MASS TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, WHO STATED THAT MINISTER'S DECLARATION IS BASED ON SEPARATE APPROACHES BY AN ITALIAN GROUP AND HUNGARIAN GROUP WHO HAVE SUGGESTED THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRIC TROLLEY BUSES AND HAVE OFFERED TO UNDERTAKE RESPECTIVE FEASIBILITY STUDIES AT THEIR OWN COST. THE INFORMANT ALSO INDICATED THAT NO CONCRETE STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN YET IN THIS REGARD AND THAT OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPOSALS WOULD BE WELCOMED.

3. MEPD IS REQUESTED TO INFORM AMERICAN CONSULTING FIRMS SPECIALIZING IN ELECTRIC TROLLEY BUS PROJECTS AND OTHER FORMS OF MASS TRANSPORTATION ABOUT THIS PROSPECT. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY DE LEUW, CATHER INTERNATIONAL INC. OF CHICAGO, THE HE IS ALERT TO THIS PROSPECT AND IS SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH ING.GANDOLFO SUITO OR SANTA MARIA CONCERNING THIS PROJECT.

INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT:

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